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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This Response to Election of Species Requirement is in reply to the Office Action dated June 23, 2009.

1. In response to the Examiner's requirement to elect a single type of resolvent structure (corresponding to claims 7-10), Applicants hereby elect 2-octyl-1-dodecanol (trade name, EUTANOL G) for examination. Claims 1-10 read on the elected 2-octyl-1-dodecanol.

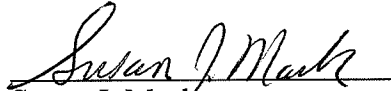
2. In response to the Examiner's requirement to elect a single alkyl(meth)acrylate (corresponding to claims 12-15), Applicants hereby elect dodecyl methacrylate (common name, "lauryl methacrylate" or "2-methyl-2-propenoic acid dodecyl ester") for examination. Claims 1-6 and 11-15 read on the elected dodecyl methacrylate.

Applicants submit that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

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